FARRAGUT, ADM. DAVID G. DRAWER 9B UNION OFFICERS

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Civil War Officers Union

David Glasgow Farragut

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

From the files of the

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Mar. 19, 1961
83ForestSt.
NewBritain, Conn.

Mr. R. Gerald McMurty,
Director,
The Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter. I'm enclosing a photostat of the Farragut orders to attend Lincoln's Funeral and will try to get the large commendation photographed at the hospital. The writing is somewhat faded and it will be difficult to obtain a clear copy of the exact wording.

In addition, please find enclosed a list of 1960 acquisitions to this collection which I have tried to assemble as an amateur rather than with all the facilities available to an institution or foundation. Since I have very little free time from my work and home, most items are located by correspondence with other collectors.

The other item of partial Lincoln interest is a print entitled LINCOLN and hisCOMMANDERS , and it was issued by Traveler's Insurance Company in 1888. The only naval officer included in the group is Farragut. Through another collector ,I have been able to obtain aset of 130 photos of Lincoln related to the Meserve Collection which were issued by the Lincoln National Life Foundation and when I have more free time, I'm going to try to correlate the various Lincoln engravings to individual photos.

If you do not have a copy of the Traveler's Print issued in 1888, I'll attempt to locate one reasonably in the area since Hartford is only a ten minute drive from New Britain.

Sincerely yours,
Neil D. Josephson
Neil D. Josephson

INVENTORY OF ADMIRAL DAVID GLASGOW FARRAGUT COLLECTION

1. Books and pamphlets.
2. Ancestry, original correspondence.
3. Photographs, prints, engravings.
4. Documents, resolutions, scrolls.
5. Naval relics, personal possessions.
6. Newspaper clippings.
7. Farragut memorials.

Neil D. Josephson, M.D.
83 Forest St.
New Britain, Conn.

ADDITIONS TO ADMIRAL DAVID GLASGOW FARRAGUT
COLLECTION

BOOKS-PHAMPHLETS:
1. Mr. Lincoln's Admirals Clarence E. Macartney 1956 Funk & Wagnalls Co.
2. Farragut Association of Naval Veterans- Constitution and By-laws 1898 Edition.
3. In Honor Fortieth Anniversary of Farragut Victory- Farragut Medal. 1902
4. A Short History of Admiral Farragut 1888 Knapp & Co. N.Y. Originally packed with cigarettes.

LETTERS AND AUTOGRAPHS:
1. Civil War letter and envelop from U.S.S. Arkansas-New Orleans, June 3,1864 Discusses Farragut and his 20 ships off of Mobile.
2. Page from book autographed by FARRAGUT in 1851 with rubber stamped Horse-shoe and nail insignia.
3. Front page of book Elements of Military Art and Science by Halleck 1846. Signed D.G. Farragut USN.

PRINTS* PHOTOS-POST CARDS:
1. Lithograph (Black and white) Commodore Farragut on deck of Ship.
2. Lithograph (In color) " " " " " "
3. Small cigarette card- Admiral Farragut in rigging.
4. Postal card- Tablet honoring Farragut's gift to establish a church in New York City. Presented by N.Y. Nat. Soc. Daughter of the Union.
5. Postal Card- Receiving ships FRANKLIN and RICHMOND at Norfolk, Va.
6. Postal Card- Farragut Statue at So. Boston, Mass.

NEWSPAPERS AND CLIPPINGS:
1. HARPERS Weekly-Feb. 13,1864 Drawings depict Picket Boat off Mobile U.S. Sloop of War Richmond on Blockade duty off of Mobile (Large wood engraved)
2. HARPERS Weekly Sep.3-1864 Farragut's Fleet passing the Forts and Obstructions at entrance to Mobile Bay.
3. HARPERS Weekly Sep. 10-1864 Richmond engages the Tennessee. Farragut's Victory-Capture of Tennessee Description of battle and Victory. Loss of Monitor Tecumseh.
4. Newspaper clipping-N.Y. 1939 Discusses Minorca Ancestral Home of Farragut
5. " " Tribune 1914 Sonnet- Battle of Mobile Bay by surgeon Titus Munson Coan.
6. " " Visit of Admiral Farragut to home of Gideon Welles.
7. " " N.Y. Times July 6,1938 FARRAGUT'S FLAGSHIP-U.S.S. Hartford
8. " " Notice of death of John H. Knowles of Rigging fame.
9. " " Building of the US.S. Pennsylvania
10. " " Clipping about U.S.S. Portsmouth of the Battle of New Orleans.

PHILATELIC ITEMS-TOKENS:
1. Cover from U.S.S. Hartford- New Orleans 1864. Addressed to Gunboat Huntsville of East Gulf Squadron, Key West, Florida.
2. U.S. postage stamp depicting Farragut- U.S.S. Hartford and Porter with Photographic enlargement.
3. First day covers (two) of Farragut stamp.
4. Tokens- (2) Civil War Naval designs.

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1. PRINT-Sinking of the ALABAMA by the KEARSAGE June 11-1864
   Hand colored print 9x12 inches.
2. PRINT-Lithograph in color- Rear-Admiral Farragut by A.H. Ritchie
3. PAMPHLET- The FARRAGUT BOUNTY CASE, Argument of R.M. Corwine for the United States, 30 pages. Signed by Corwine and addressed to the Solicitor of the Treasury.
4. PRINT- Lithograph of FARRAGUT designed as Lid for Cigar Box-
   Printer's Proof in color.
5. Harper's Pictorial History of the Civil War Feb. 1862-
   Capture of New Orleans by the Gulf Expeditions.
6. Newbury Port,Mass. Aug. 15-18 Funeral Notices of Admiral Farragut.
7. Letter-Written by Farragut to Commandant Dahlgren, Navy Yard, Washington discussing the experimental use of ¼ inch boiler iron to protect mast tops and small boats against musket fire. ".....if it saves one man's life, I will consider myself well compensated for my trouble"...
8. Order-signed D.G. Farragut, R-Admiral, U.S. Flagship Tennessee, New Orleans, July 30, 1863. Orders Lt. Cmdr. A.P. Cooke to relieve the temporary Commander of the U.S. Steamer Estrella
9. Order-Mobile Bay, Sept. 14-1864 U.S.S. Flagship HARTFORD To Acting Vol. Lt. P. Giraud, Comdr. U.S.S. Mobile,Mobile Bay "Proceed to New Orleans for repairs etc....."
   Lt. Giraud received Buchanan's sword after the surrender of the Confederate Ram Tennessee.
10. Letter of Percival DRAYTON,later Capt. of U.S.S. Hartford, Flagship of Farragut, written to John A. Dahlgren concerning "The academy seems to be shockingly fitted out in ordanance matters...There is a monstrous deal to be done here before the academy can turn out the persons the Navy requires". Written prior to the Civil War.
11. Letter from Farragut to Lieut. R.L. Browning,U.S.N. from the U.S.S. Pennsylvannia,Norfolk, May 14,1845 About recovering money from a museum and stating that Peter Outcalt of Cincinnati would manage the affair. With several clippings pasted on the inside page about Farragut Ancestry and home and birth place.
12. Letter- written from Hastings on the Hudson,N.Y. Aug. 20, 1863 while visiting his family after the Capture of New Orleans. ".....I shall visit Washington in a short time and then have my future destination, but I think there is little doubt it will be the Gulf of Mexico...God has been most merciful to both my command and myself and I trust has my gratitude.... I hope we will soon see a glimmering of day light dawning forth out of this darkness which surrounds us". etc.
13. Photostats...a. Of a cover with rubber stamp marking U.S.Ship Hartford with design of ship in sail. About 1879.
    b. Letter from Log book as Farragut was about to become Commandant of Mare Island Naval Yard.

RECENT ADDITIONS TO FARRAGUT COLLECTION:

Confidential Correspondence of Gustave V Fox, Ass't Secretary of Navy 1861-65 Two Volumes	Thompson and Wainwright	1918	Includes correspondence between G.V. Fox and D.G.Farragut West Gulf Blockade Jan. 1862-Oct. 1864
Register of the Navy	William A Davis	1814	page 19 lists Wm/ A.C. Farragut, Lt. page 29 David G. Farragut Midshipman
Cover U.S.S. Farragut Cancellation	Dec. 25, 1934		
Newspaper-May 8,1862 Weekly Journal of	Page 1 Releases on The Operations against New Orleans Particulars of the Bombardment of the Fort's at New Orleans. From New Orleans- The Mayor Surrenders the City. Report of the Secretary of the Navy Regarding Mobile Bay- Ironclads etc. New Naval Rank for D.G. Farragut "Vice Admiral".		
As above Sept. 8, 1864			
Book of Anecdotes of the Rebellion	Page 354,369,374,379,391.		

Hartford Publ. Co. 1866

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1. MOBILE BAY-Group of six documents relating to the famous battle and aftermath (4to and folio) August 1864. From the papers of Pierre Giraud, gunnery officer on the Ossipee who personally received Admiral Buchanan's sword in surrender. These include two orders signed by Farragut, a letter of commendation from the Captain of the Ossipee, an enthusiastic letter from another officer and friend about Giraud's part in the victory, and an account of the boarding of the Confederate Tennessee in an unidentified hand.

2. Large hand colored print of Rear Admiral Farragut 10"x 14"
3. Hat ribbon of seaman of the U.S.S. Hartford.
4. Paperweight made from copper rivet and mohogany from Farragut's cabin ,U.S.S. Hartford with letter.of authenticity
5. List of Farragut material at the Mariner's Museum,Newport News.
6. Photo-Memorial Plaque Portsmouth New Hampshire-"Farragut died in this house Aug 14-1870"
7. Giggrette Card- Admiral Farragut with a short history-Knapp Co.
8. Two fine photographs of Farragut made from original Brady negatives (8 x 10 inches)
9. Large Print- Lincoln and his Commanders (including Farragut) issued in 1888 by Traveler's Insurance Co.
10. SeaManual- Original kept by Lt. Kimberly 1862 on the U.S.S. Hartford. About 75 pages handwritten with lists of men by name and number, various gun positions and stations, fire bill, orders for handling of sail, anchors, docking, etc. Also includes liberty lists and court martial lists of men during visit to New Orleans (November 1862-Jan. 1863).Ledger is about 12 x 18 inches in size and is covered with sail cloth.
11. Miscellaneous prints of Farragut, mainly from 1864 period to 1870.

MATERIAL
IN CONNECTION WITH FARRAGUT MONUMENT IN NEW YORK

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1. Apr. 25, 1881 Port of Inaurgural Speech by Pres. Garfield

2. May 2, 1881 Printed list of Documents enclosed in foundation of Farragut monument

3. Program of Presentation of the statue of admiral Farragut by the Farragut monument Association May 25, 1881 New York

4. Copy of Mr. Choates Address at the University of St. Gaudens Statue of Farragut May 25, 1881

5. Photo of Statue- see item 4 above

6. Apr. 1908 Poem by Robert Bridges with inscription by the author to "The Admirals Son"

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS

ITEM	TITLE AND FOR DESCRIPTION	AUTHOR AND DATE	INSCRIPTION IDENTIFICATION INSIGNIA	PUBLISHER	PUBL. & DATE	BINDING & CONDITION
1.	American Naval Battles from 1794 to 1848 280 pages	Horace Kimball 1831	Lawrence Worall	Luther Roby, Concord N.H.	1848	Broken Binding Leather Poor
2.	The Log of the Oregon 60 pages	Edward Kirk Titus 1914	Letters Inscription by C.E.Clark to Loyall Farragut	E.A.Hall Greenfield, Mass.	1914	Excellent
3.	Deck & Field addresses before U.S. Naval War College 220 pages	Frank Warren Hackett	Article on Farragut	W.H. Lowdermilkg Washington,D.C. Riverside Press Cambridge,Mass.	1909	Cloth Very Good
4.	Manual of the Corp. of the City of N.Y.	D.T. Valentine 1863	Signatures of residence of N.Y.C. and Illustrations & Maps	Edmund Jones & co. John St N.Y.	1863	Cloth binding broken
5.	The Works of Lawrence Sterne	Lawrence Sterne	D.E. Farragut U.S.Navy	J.B. Lippincott & Co. Phil. Pa.	1864	Leather binding broken
6.	A Sentimental Journey through France & Italy	Lawrence Sterne	D.E. Farragut	London Willoughby & Co.		Cloth binding broken
7.	Cruise of the U.S. Flagship Hartford 1862-1863 84 pages	B.S. Osbon	Loyall Farragut Ded Seal of U.S.S. Hartford	L.W. Paine Printer New York	1863	Leather binding Very good
8.	Life & Correspondence of John Paul Jones 555 pages	From original letters in possession of Miss Jeanette Taylor	No. 238 of Dunns Library No 114-8th N.Y.	Stereotyped A Chandler New York	1830	Cloth binding broken
9.	Selections from the public and private correspondence of Vice Admiral Lord Collingwood 422 pages	G.L. Newham Collingwood	Loyall Farragut Book plate	G & C & H Carvill 108 Broadway N.Y.	1829	Cloth Excellent

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10.	The Logs of the Serapis Alliance Apiel under command of John Paul Jones 1779-1780 138 pages	Edited by John S. Barnes 1911	Loyall Farragut Book plate Certified Copy No.48 of 300 copies printed for the Society only	Naval History Society Printed by the DeVinna Press New York	1911	Paper hard covers excellent
11.	The Operations of the French under Count DeSrasse in 1781-2 216 pages	The Bradford Club April 1859	Horse Shoe & nail as at items 5 & 6 Bradford Club Series Number A Presented to Adm. Farragut with Compts. I.C. Brevoort Brooklyn Oct. 24, 1865 150 copies printed		1864	Cloth very good
12.	Flags of Maritime Nations 18 plates	Bureau of Navigations Washington D.C. 1868	Virginia L. Farragut 113 E 86th N.Y. Dec. 68	Bureau of Navigation	1868	Leather Gold Embossed excellent
13.	The Great Rebellion notes conversations with a Volunteer officer in the U.S. Navy Apr. 24, 1862 30 pages	Asher Taylor 1868	Only 100 copies printed for private Circulation Book plate of of Asher Taylor "Presented to-- Farragut son of the Great Admiral".	Francis & Loutrel Print	1868	Cloth very good
14.	A Memorial of David Glascow Farragut from the City of Boston with an Account of the Dedication of the Farragut Statue June 28, 1893 77 pages	Speeches by various public officials	Seal of City of Boston	Press of Rockwell and Churchill Boston	1896	Cloth very good
15.	2 Copies of Magazine Image 1958 a journal of photography 20 pages in each copy	Vol 7 No.5	Copyright 1958 Article on Photo of Farragut	George Eastman House Inc.		Saddle stitched

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16.	Oration deliver before the city Authorities of Boston 60 pages	Oliver Wendell Holmes	Seal of City of Boston	J.E.Farragut & Co. Boston	1863	Cloth very good
17.	Dedication and unveiling of the Statues of Lincoln,Grant, Sherman, Farragut presented to the City of Muskegon Mich. by Charles H. Hackley	Charles H Hackley May 30, 1900	"With the Compliments of Charles H. Hackley"	Chroncile Press Muskegon Mich.	1900	Cloth Gold embossed excellent
18,	Doniphan's Expedition containing an account of the Conquest of New Mexico 144 pages	John T. Hughes 1847	Insert-"A New Map of Mexico, Calif,Md., Oregon,publ. by JA &VP James Cincinnati 1848"	U.P. James Cincinnati Ohio	1847	Half Leather excellent
19.	Navy Register 1866 Admiral David G. Farragut U.S.Navy 94 pages (68 &24)	Secretary of the Navy Gideon Welles 1866	Leather Tabs for indexing various grades of navy personnel printed in gold letters	Government Printing Office	1866	Full Leather gold embossed very good
20.	Navy Register July 1,1869 Admiral D.G. Farragut U.S. Navy 75 pages		Same as at Item 19	Government Prtg. Office	1869	Full Leather gold embossed good
21.	Navy Register Jan. 1,1870		Same as at Item 19	Government Prtg. Office	1870	Full Leather gold embossed very good
22.	A Digest of of Decisions in the office of the second Comptroller of the Treasury 280 pages	J.W. Butterfield also John M.Brodhead	"Admiral D.G. Farragut with the compliments of J.M. Brodhead Cover has "Admiral D.G. Farragut U.S. Navy " embossed in gold on outside of cover	Government Prtg. Office	1865	Full leather fair

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23.	The Hancock House A bound extract from the June 1863 issue of "The Atlantic Monthly" 15 pages		Signed on fly leaf by D.E. Farragut Adm.	The Atlantic Monthly	June 1963	Full leather binding broken
24.	Journal of a Cruise made to the Pacific Ocean by Capt. D. Porter in the United States Forgate Essex in 1812,1813,1814 Vol. 1 of two volumes 242 pages with a preface of 76 pages	Capt. David Porter 1822	On board "Howard Hotel Vol.485" Farragut listed as a midshipman on pages 4 of the Journal (not of the preface)	Wiley & Halsted J & J Harper N.Y.	1822	Paper Board broken binding poor condition
25.	Same Title as item 24 vol 1 and vol 2 bound together vol 1 264 pages vol 11 169 pages	Capt. David Porter 1822	Farragut's name listed as midshipmen on pg.4 Vol.1 & on pg 167 vol 11 book plate of Loyal Farragut on cover Inscription on title page "For Adm'l Farragut with D. Emmet's compliments June 23,1865 Farragut mentioned on page 157 vol. 111	Bradford & Inskeep Philadelphia	1815	Full leather broken binding poor condition
26.	The United States during the War	Augusta Laugel 1866	Inscribed on flg leaf "Rear Adm. Farragut with the best remembrances and respect of August Laugel" (signed) Farraguts nail & imprint as at item 5	Bailliere Brothers N.Y.	1866	Blue Cloth excellent
27.	Reports of Naval engagements of the Mississippi River resulting in the in the capture of Fort Jackson & St. Philip & the City of New Orleans	1862	Inscribed on fly "For the wife of of the hero with the compts of G.V. Fox Assist. Secy. Aug. 14,62 Followed by a quotation in Latin from Cicero Farraguts imprint of nail & horse shoe as at item 5	Govt. Prtg Office Washington, D.C.	1862	Brown cloth good

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28.	Minutes of the Court of Martial of Capt. David Porter 576 pages Bound together with an "Expositition of the facts and circustances which justified the Expedition to Foxardo. 107 pages	Official Record 1825	Book plate of Loyall Farragut 1825	Davis& Fornce Washington D.C.	1825	Blue Cloth excellent
29.	Life and Times of Joseph Warren	Richard Frothing-ham 1865	Inscribed as follows: "Adm. Farragut with the respects of Richard Frothingham Charlestown ,Mass. July 22, 1867,Embossed shield &horseshoe on fly leaf	Little Brown & Co. Boston	1865	Half leather binding broken pages excellent
30.	Report of the Joint Committee on the conduct of the war in three parts Part 2 659 pages		Signed: "D.E. Farragut Vice Adm. May 1865"	Washington Govt. Prtg. Office D.C.	1863	Cloth very good
31.	Same as item 30 but part 3 512 pages		Signed: "D.E. Farragut Vice Adm.			Cloth very good
32.	Report of the Secretary of the Navy (Gideon Welles)		Inscribed thus "Adm. Farragut with compliments of Gideon Welles"			Half leather broken binding pages excellent
33.	Third Annual Report of the Bureau of Military Record of the State of N.Y. 576 pages	Lockwood L.Doty 1866	Inscribed "To Adm.	G. Wendell Printer Albany,N.Y.	1866	
34.	The Battle of Mobile Bay 136 pages	Foxhall A Parker 1878	"To Mrs. Adm. Farragut with with sincere regard of the Author "	A. Williams & Co. Boston	1878	Full leather excellent gold embossed

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Listed at item 7 on on sheet	Cruise of the Flagship Hartford 1862-1863					Full leather very good
35.	The Cruise of the Franklin the Flagship abroad D.G. Farragut 465 pages	James Eglington Montgomery 1869	On fly leaf Loyall Farragut 5th U.S. Artillery from the Author	G.P. Putnam &Son New York	1869	Cloth binding broken at back of cover pages excellent
36.	Similar to item 35	Same as at 35	Farragut's seal embossed on fly leaf	Same as at item 35	1869	Full leather gold embossed
37.	The Sketch book of Geoffrey Crayon Esq. in two vol. Vol 11 316 pages		On fly leaf "Presented to Adm. Farragut by his wife Virginia L. Farragut Condon, England Oct. 1	Wm. Tegg London	1861	Cloth very good
38.	Old Salamander The life and naval career of Adm. David Glascow Farragut 342 pages	Rev. P.C. Headly 1865		Lee & Shepard Boston	1865	
39.	Midshipman Farragut 151 pages	James Barnes	On fly leaf "To my dear little boys from grosspapa Nov. 26, 1896	Dappleton & Co. New York	1869	Cloth excellent
40.	David G. Farragut 405 pages	John Randolph Spears	On fly leaf "Loyall Farragut from the Pub."Also letter from Geo. Jacobs Co.	George W. Jacobs & Co. Phil.	1905	Cloth excellent
41.	Adm Porter 497 pages	James Russel Soley		D. Appleton & Co. N.Y.	1903	Cloth excellent

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42.	Admiral Farragut 333 pages	Capt. A.J. Mahan U.S. Navy	Including a letter from A.T.Mahan to Loyall Farragut	D. Appleton & Co.	1892	Cloth excellent
43.	Farragut and our naval Commanders (our navy during the Great Rebellion 1861-1865 609 pages	John T. Headley 1866	On fly leaf Geo. R. Mauda Windsor,Conn. from mother	E.B. Treat & Co. N.Y.	1867	Half leather very good
44.	David Glasgow Farragut- Admiral in the making	Charles Lee Lewis 1941	United States Naval Institute Seal on fly leaf	United States Naval Annapolis, Md.	1941	Blue cloth excellent
45.	David Glasgow Farragut our first Adm. 513 pages	Charles Lee Lewis 1943	"To Mr & Mrs. Geo. G.Hall with best wishes for A Happy Christmas Signes Charles Lee Lewis" "Annapolis Dec. 16,1943 "	U.S. Naval Institute Annapolis Md.	1943	Blue cloth new
46.	Life of David Glasgow Farragut First Admiral of the U.S. Navy Embodging his Journal and letter 201 pages Volume 1	By Hisson Loyall Farragut 1879	Bookk plate Loyall Farragut on front cover	D.Appleton & Co. N.Y.	1879	Half leather front cover broken off pages excellent
47.	Same as item 46 pages from 202 570 Vol. 11	By his son Loyall Farragut 1879	Same as item 46	Same as item 46		Same as item 46 both covers broken page excellent
48.	Lincoln and Seward 215 pages	Gideon Welles who was secretary of the Navy in Farragut time	On fly leaf: "Mrs. Adm. Farragut with regards of her Friend Gideon Welles see p 200	Sheldon & Co. N.Y.	1874	Blue cloth excellent
49.	Augusta St. Gaudens(contains photo of statue of Farragut)	G.Lewis Hind	On fly leaf "From Lili & Susie X-Mas 1908	John Lane Co. N.Y.	1908	Cloth embossed in gold excellent

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50.	Presentation of Flags of New York Volunteer Regiments July 4,1865 to the Governor 249 pages by 12 book	Lockwood L. Doty Chief of Bureau of Military Record 1865	On fly leaf: "To Vice-Adm. D.G. Farragut With the kind regards of Superindentent of Naval Division Feb. 22, 1866	Weed Parsons & Co. Printers	1865	Full embossed real leather gold very good
51.	Same Incidents of the Passing of Forts Jackson & St. Philip	May 1880	Geo. M. Ranson Comm. U.S.N. 6 pages of Magazine	The United Service		
52.	Georege Farragut	Sept 1903	Marshall Delancey Haywood	Gulf States Historical Magazine 4 copies & pamphlets		
53.	Remencences of Confederate Navy	Oct. 1880	John H. Faxfitt C.O. Floredaat Mobile Bay	U.S. Magazine Penna		
54.	Adm. Farragut &New Orleans	Dec. 1871 Gideon Welles	Second paper	Scribuers 12 pages Vol. No. 57#2 U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings		
55.	Farragut a the Cross Roads	Feb. 1931	Albert Marhell (Represent	Vol No. 57 #2 U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings		
56.	Farragut Testemonial	Dec.1864	Presented to Mrs. Farragut Testemonial by N.Y.C.			
57.	Engraving by M.H. Overend	?	An August morning with Farragut Pamphlet about engraving	Descoption of Naval Battle		
58.	Farragut	Mr. Choates Address	At request of Farragut Monument Assoc. St. Gaudens Statue	New York Evening Post Steam press	May 25, 1881	
59.	War Papers 79 showing the Way	R-Adm. Colby M Chester 1910	About battle of Mobile Bay			

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60.	Lecture	Adm. Hugh Dunlop&R-Adm. R. Hamilton	Facts connected with Op. during the war Out War in the US	For private circulation Harrison & Sons England		
61.	Battle of Mobile Bay	Jan.1882	About battle from a Confederate point of view	F.D. Johnston Tate Capt. C.S.N.		
62.	A Historical sketch of the Confederate Navy	Nov.1880	About Buhanan and attack on the U.S. Ship Congress.			
63.	History set right	1869	Attack on New Orleans and its Defenses by the fleet under Adm. Farragut Corespondence between Adm. Farragut & Bailey	N.Y. Office of Army & Navy Journal		
64.	Farragut in Mobile Bay	?	Recollections of of the battle			
65.	A messenger from Farragut	Aug. 9, 1913	Evening Post Saturday Magazine			
66.	Porter Journal	1822	Vol. 11 goes with item #24	Signed by MD. of ship		

LETTERS

ITEM	DATE	FROM	TO	SUBJECT MATTER
Ancestry				
1.	Original & Copy			Silhouette of Geo. Farragut-Father of D. G. Farragut.
2.	20 Oct. 1794			Oath of Allegiance of George Farragut Store keeper & Inspector of Arms to the Magazines at Knoxville.
3.	about 1900			Transcript of Memorial of George Farragut to Sec.of Navy Wm. Jones.
4.	7 pages of notes.			About George Farragut & Admiral Farragut's Birthplace.
5.	1837			Portions of Public Instrument about George Farragut children. New Orleans, La.
6.	Feb.10, 1868			Arms of the Family of Farragut of Barcelona-Ancestry
7.	1815			Map of New Orleans.Positions of British vs U. S.
8.	Mar.31, 1884	Copy signed by Clerk of Court		Marriage Record of D. G. Farragut & Virginia D. Loyall.
9.	1815	Copies of Letters G. Farragut	Gen. Andrew Jackson	From Jackson Papers Vol. 34-1815 Vol. 40-1816
10.	Nov.4, 1837			Indenture for purchase of Land in Norfolk.
11.	Sept.22, 1814	List by George Farragut of his children. Sent to Madam Joseph Krebs(David G.-listed as James Glasgow Farragut.		
12.	Jan 21 1878	J.H. Claibourn	Loyall Farragut	Tracing of George Farragut Ancestry & Family.
13.	Knowledge of Marriages of George Farragut Children.			
14.	May 5 1900	Caldwell & Caldwell	Loyall Farragut	Letter about birthplace of David Glasgow Farragut.
15.	May 6,1869	Original		Marriage Certificate of Loyall Farragut to Mary Gertrude Metcalfe.
16.	1 Sept.1837	Ancestry of Sister of D.G.Farragut.Parish of New Orleans,La.Has autograph of D.G.Farragut corner.		
17.	1837	Daniel Patterson to Lt.Farragut.		About G.Farragut & Family left after his death.

LETTERS MOSTLY ORIGINAL HANDWRITTEN AND SIGNED

BEGINNINGS OF NAVAL CARREER
1810-1850

ITEM #	DATE	FROM	TO	SUBJECT MATTER
1.	17 Dec 1810	Paul Hamilton	Glasgow Farragut	Original Commission as Midshipman
2.	26 Feb 1830	Navy Dept	Lt.D.G.F.	Leave of Absence
3.	10 dec 1830	" "	Lt.D.G.F.	Report to Commander Barracks for duty at Receeving Ship Norfolk.
4.	27 Dec 1830	" "	Lt.D.G.F.	Summons as witness to trial of Commodore Creighton.
5.	2 Apr.1837	D.G.F.	Paulding Sec. of Navy	Copy of letter in Farragut's handwriting to Vice Admiral Baudin.
6.	2 Apr.1839	D.G.F.	Vice Adm Charles P audin	Copy of a letter in Farraguts handwriting to Vice Admiral Baudin.
7.	15 June 1841	A. B. Pinkham	To Lt. D.G.F.	On U.S.S. Delaware Naval Matters.
8.	20 Aug 1841	"	"	" " "
9.	28 Dec 1841	"	Commander D.G.F.	U.S.S. Delaware-Brasil Statio
10.	Oct 1 1845	Navy Dept.	Commander D.G.F.	Detached from Receeving Ship Pennsylvania. Report for duty at Navy Yard Norfolk.
11.	May 3 1850	Commodore Porter's Wife	Glasgow	Personal letter
12.	Aug 29 1853	Draper	Capt. D.G.F.	About Farragut's Father.
13.	Apr.27 1850			Lists of Ships captured by Frigate ESSEX, in Farragut's hand & signed.
14.	Apr 29 1850			Same-For years 1812-1813

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1862

ITEM	DATE	FROM	TO	SUBJECT MATTER
1.		D.D.Porter	Adm. Farragut	Proposition for moving Fleet up Miss.River
2.	Apr. 1862			Report of bombardment of Forts Jackson & St Philip by U. S. Sloop Hartford and capture of New Orleans.
3.	Feb 11 1862	G. V. Fox	Capt. Farragut	Re assignment of Commdr.Porter to Key West and General Orders to Captain Farragut.
4.	Apr 16 1862	Bureau of Ordinance &	Flag Off. Farragut U. S. N.	Hand-colored diagrams of signal flags.
5.	Apr 24 1862			Listing of the Order of the Fleet proceeding up to the attack of Fts Jackson & St. Philip.
6.	Apr 24 1862	Benj.F. Buttler	Flag Officer Farragut	Congratulating Farragut on "Passage of the Forts" by his Fleet, laying out plan to land Troops at Quarantine Station to hem in "the Forts"
7.	May 5 1862	Loyall Farragut	His father D.G. Farragut	Commenting on the News of the Capture of New Orleans.
8.	May 12 1862	G. V. Fox	Flagg Officer D.G.Farragut	Commenting on his"unparalleled achievements----rendering your name immortal".
9.	May 22 1862	Gideon Wells	Flagg Officer D.G. Farragut	Sending North the captured Officers of the Rebel Navy, and assignment of the Rhode Island & the Connecticut to supply the Gulf Squadron.
10.	June 1 1862	Benj.F. Butler	Flag Officer D.G.F.	Butler's surprise that Capt. Porter & his whole Morton Fleet left for Pensacola. Whithout orders?
11.	June 30 1862	Gideon Wells	Capt. Thos.T. Craven	Sending Wm. Hess private Marine home from the"Brooklyn" for discharge.

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ITEM	DATE	FROM	TO	SUBJECT MATTER
12.	July 30 1862	Gideon Wells	Rear Adm. Farragut	Transmittal of Farragut's Commission as Rear Admiral and congratulating him on his capture of New Orleans.
13.	Aug 4 1862	D. G. F. Near Vicksburg	To his wife and son	Personal-Also distasteful experience he had with some of his subordinates.
14.	Aug 12 1862	Benj.F. Butler	Rear Adm. Farragut	Butler being the FIRST to address "Rear Admiral Farragut" and congratulating him on his appointement.
15.	Aug 26 1862	Gideon Wells	Rear Adm. D. G. F.	Telling him "all gun boats sent as part of Commander D.D. Porter's command, with the Mortars are under your unqualified command.
16.	Sept 9 1862	Gideon Wells	Rear Adm. D. G. F.	Telling him to distribute the Mortar Flotilla as he deem fit.
17.	Sept 9 1862	Benj.F. Butler	Rear Adm. D. G. F.	Disposition of ships on the Mississippi and quarantine regulations at New Orleans.
18.	Oct 21 1862	Benj. F. Butler	Rear Adm. D. G. F.	Tells of Paymaster Bassett buying without authority from a Jeweler's & from a China Shop in New Orleans and saying he would pay for them when the sellers "proved themselves loyal."

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1863

ITEM	DATE	FROM	TO	SUBJECT MATTER
1.	Jan 29 1863	R.W.Shufeldt U.S.Consul General in Havana	Rear Adm.DG Farragut	Reporting the arrival at Havana of the "Alabama" with 150 men of the Gunboat "Hatteras" which the "Alabama" sunk off Galveston. Also information of arrival and departure of other ships.
2.	July 8 1863	N.P.Banks Maj.Genl Comdg	Rear Adm Farragut	Informing him that General Gardner has offered to surrender.
3.	Sept 24 1863	D. G. Farragut		Thanking "the Citizens of this great Metropolis" for "your high appreciation of my exertions and success."

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1864

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ITEM NO.	DATE	FROM	TO	SUBJECT MATTER
1.	Feb.2, 1864	Gideon Welles	Rear Adm. D.G. Farragut	Objecting to the use of the titles "Confederate States" Confederate Government and Confederate Executive in communicating with the British Consul at Mobile .
2.	Feb.16	P.Drayton	Corbin	Re a letter from Mr. Moultin about engaging [illegible]oms and inviting Corbin to dine with Drayton.
3.	Feb.26 1864	Gideon Welles	Rear Admiral D.G. Farragut	Authorizing Farragut to call on acting Rear Admiral Bailey & his vessels.
4.	Mar.24 1864	G.V.Fox	Admiral Farragut	Re certain Iron clads that can be sent to his squadron.
5.	April 20 1864	Benj. F Butler	G. Welles	Recommending that James Taylor be paid for iron clading boats for the navy with plates left by the Rebels.
6.	June 24 1864	? Navy Dept	Rear Adm. Farragut	Seaworthiness of the "Winnehago" & the "Kickopoo" & the "Chickasaw" iron clad vessels which Admiral Porter had said were weak.
7.	1864	U.S. Naval Hqtrs, New Orleans W. Palmer? See item #21 for same hand writing	?	One page of a letter saying "What are you going to do about Mobile? Also "Cauly has just read a telegram from Port Hudson saying that Forrest made a successful raid on Memphis".
8.	July 6 1864	Rear Adm. D.G. Farragut		Printed "General Order No. 9" in which Farragut announces to the fleet his thanks to the men from the "Hartford" who boarded and destroyed a blockade runner under Rebel Batteries.
9.	July 14 1864	Wakemans Dickinson	Gideon Welles	Asking for passage on a blackade vessel to New Orleans from Galveston for his wife & family of Capt. Geo. Share.

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ITEM NO.	DATE	FROM	TO	SUBJECT
10.				New 1863 map of Mobile showing the Rebel stronghold in the Gulf complied by G. W. Tomlinson 221 Washington St. Boston.
11.	Aug.4 1864	D.G. Farragut	Mrs. D.G. Farragut	Photostatic copy (on 2 pages) of a letter to his wife on the eve of his going into the battle of Mobile Bay.
12.	Aug.5 1864			Pen and ink sketch showing the battle between the Hartford & The Tennessee at close quarters in Mobile Bay. It shows the men in action and Admiral Farragut overseeing the battle from the rigging of his ship where he was exposed to danger.
13.	Aug.5 1864			Half tone reproduction of a painting by W.H. Overend of the scene described at item No. 12 This was on a page 47 from a back or a magazine-Heading: The"Fight of Mobile Bay".
14.	Aug 5 1864			Printed page showing the map of Mobile Bay and manners of lining up the attacking fleet under command of Admiral Farragut.
15.	1864			Printed description and History of Admiral Farragut Flagship the U.S.S. Hartford all on one page.
16.	Aug.5 1864			Copy of messages between Admiral Farragut and the Captains of the ships partcipating in the fight at Mobile Bay Aug.5, 1864.
17.	Aug 5 1864			Single line drawing of Flag Ship Hartford showing "Shot marks" on her.
18.	Aug 5 1864			Tracing on cloth of Hartford as described at item no. 17 above
19.	Aug 6 1864	LaRue R. Adams Lt. Comd. 3 rd. Div	L.A.Kimberly Executive Officer U.S. Flagship Hartford	Report of the officers & men of the 3rd. Division in the battle of Mobile Bay.
20.	Aug 6 1864	Rear Adm. Farragut		Printed "General Order No. 12" Thanking the officers and crews of the vessels of the fleet for their "Gallant Conduct during the fight at Mobile Bay.

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ITEM NO.	DATE	FROM	TO	SUBJECT
21.	Aug.7 1864	W.Palmer	Adm. Farragut	Remarks on the impurdence of Buck to make certain remarks about Farragut's tactics. Also mention is make of certain coaling operations.
22.	Aug.7 1864	D.G. Farragut Rear Adm.		Printed "General Order No. 13" in which "The Admiral desires the Fleet to return thanks to Almighty God for the signal Victory over the evening on Aug. 5 .
23.	Aug.8 and 9 1864	G.V. Welles	Mrs. D.G. Farragut	Telegram telling her of the success of her husband at Mobile Bay.
24.	Aug 9 1864	G. V. Welles	Rear Adm Farragut	Authorizing him to "give aid and protection" to family of Capt. Geo. Share and all loyal persons who may seek shelter under the Flag.
24.	Aug 26 1864	Edward Donaldson	Rr. Adm D.G. Farragut	Informing him that the "accidental explosion" was caused directly by the "intoxication of the Pilot"
26.	Sept 1 1864	Loyal Farragut	His brother D.G.	Four pages of the letter (no signature)telling of his work and experiences at West Point.
27.	Sept 15 1864	D.G. Farragut	His wife	Discussions relationship & feelings between himself and some of her subordinates. Explains that he was not "lashed" to the rigging like a culprit. I was only standing in the rigging with a rope that dear boy Watson had brought me up saying that if I would stand thus. The Capt. Drayton I had better secure myself against falling & I thanked him for his consideration & took a turn around one of the shrouds and around my body, for far from being wounded, as the shot was flying rather thickly".

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ITEM NO.	DATE	FROM	TO	SUBJECT
28.	Sept 18 1864	Loyall Farragut	His father Admiral Farragut	Telling of his work and experiences at West Point also personal matters.
29.	Oct 29 1862	New Orleans		Poem in Spanish-printed on silk composed by Augustine de la Torre.
30.	Dec.9 1864	Gideon Welles	Rear Adm. D.G. Farragut	Ordering him to turn over certain prize money for captured vessels paid him by mistake to Flag Officer McKeon.
31.	Dec.14 1864	Gideon Welles	Rear Adm Farragut	Suggesting that Farragut might want to stay away from Washington till Congress acted on the recommandation that he be promoted to a "new naval grade."
32.	"Description of a trip to the "Big Tree", by Loyall Farragut			
33.	"Description of a Voyage from San Francisco to Panama" by Loyall Farragut".			

LETTERS
1864-1865
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ITEM NO.	DATE	FROM	TO	SUBJECT
1.	Feb.25 1865	Adm. Farragut	Admiral Lesoffsky of Russia	General & personal-also "I am sending you a diagram of the whole fight (Mobile Bay) sketched by one of our young officers under the supervision of myself and the captain of the fleet on the spot".
2.	Dec.10	Printed copy of Resolutions made by a 1864 committee of 50 citizens of city of New York to honor Admiral Farragut.		
3.	Dec. 1864	Moses Taylor S.Draper J.J.Ashor A.H.Gummison	Admiral Farragut	Stating that a communication is enclosed. The communication is to The President in behalf of Captain Drayton. The communciation referred to is not in this collection.
4.	Jan.20 1865	Moses Taylor Sam Sloan John J.Cisco	Vice Adm. Farragut	Telling him that a fund of $51,130 was appropriated to express the gratitude of the citizens of N.Y. and sending him check for the remaining surplus

Note: Items 1 through 5 under 1864-65 refer to correspondence with Russia Admiral & with N.Y. Committee to Honor Farragut.

5.	June 2 1865	Citizens of N.Y. Signatures of S.Draper D.G. Duer,	Vice Admiral D.G. Farragut Moses Taylor	Inviting him to the meeting at Cooper Institute in his honor. John Stewart & 8 others
6.	Jan 25 1865	J.A.S Parton	Mrs. Virginia Farragut	Outlining to her the portions of a book he proposed to write about the Admirals life and work suggesting 8 different periods or episodes.
7.	Feb.9 1865	James Y Smith Governor of Rhode Island	Adm. D.G. Farragut	Saying he is enclosing a resolution of the General Assembly thanking him for his "Brilliant Victories".
8.	July 20 1865	R.I. Hoffman	Vice Adm D.G. Farragut	Letter of transmithal with a "walking cane cut from the old burnt mast of the U.S.S. Mississippi giving detailed description of the various parts of the cane & which parts of the "Miss." they came from.

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ITEM NO.	DATE	FROM	TO	SUBJECT
9.	Apr. 16 1865	G. Welles	Vice Adm. D.G. Farragut	Orders to proceed from Hastings-on-Hudson to Washington D. C. to be present at funeral ceremonies of President. Letter shows receipt for "mileage" paid $48.08
10.	May 20 1865	G.V.Fox	Adm. Farragut	Asking if he does not want to go to Europe to look at ship yards there-explaining our urgent need for good ship-yards equipped to repai and replace our ships.

11. " LETTER PRESS"

Leather Bound Copy Book with tissue paper numbered pages containing copies of letters Farragut wrote, transferred directly by wet process from the original to the tissue paper bound sheets. These letters begin with June 1865 through May 28, 1870. They are all signed by D.E. Farragut himself and are in excellent condition. There are about 170 letters. They are indexed in front of the book, as to date, to whom and where sent - and subject treated.

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1866

ITEM	DATE	FROM	TO	SUBJECT MATTER
1.	Jan 2 1866	Richard H.Dana Jr.	Vice Adm. Farragut	Call for explanation of the appraisal sum of $173,050.35 for 3 captured vessells at Mobile.
2.	Jan 17 1866	Gideon Wells	Vice Adm. Farragut	Call for complete list of vessells captured at Mobile their disposition and estimated values.
3.	Jan 23 1866	Gideon Wells	Vice Adm. Farragut	Re action to be taken by the Naval Board of which Farragut was President.
4.	June 16 1866	Andrew M. Harwood	Vice Adm. Farragut	Tells about a book by Reveren Entick on the "late war-meaning the war between England and France in which Wolfe, Byng & Boscawen flourished."
5.	July 27 1866	S. J. W. Tabor Auditor	Admiral D. G. Farragut	Asks for information re: H. O. Porter, late AM, USN on the USS "Hatteras"

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1868-1870

ITEM	DATE	FROM	TO	SUBJECT
1.	Aug.5 1868	Gideon Welles	Adm'l Farragut	Personal re Farragut's travels abroad (Mediterranean) Discusses possible successor to Farragut & political implications involved, with Porter, Pennock. Gives his opinion ofthe political situation re election of Grant or Seymour for President. Also writes about African slave trade.
2.	Sept.30 1868	James E. Harvey from Lisbon	Admiral Farragut	Tells of the Kings regrets at not meeting Farragut & other enconiums. He predicts the downfall of the Spanish Monarchy, bloodshed & Anarchy. He Suggests safe passage on a US Ship for Duke & Duchess of Montpensier & their children as they are unwelcome visitors to France & Spain. The services & good will of the Orleans family during our rebellion merits such safe passage.
3.	5th of April 1869	Gideon Welles	Adm'l Farragut	Comments on Pres.Grant's handling his official duties Re:Naval & Military Opperats. not as satisfactorily as Welles would like. Very critical of the changes Grant made in Navy.
4.	May22 1869	Gideon Welles from Hartford	Admiral Farragut	Thanks for Montgomery's Book Congratulates him on declining appointment of Rect? Captain. Finds house & real estate costs "doubled & quadrupled" since he "left Hartford 8 yrs ago".

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1868-1870

ITEM	DATE	FROM	TO	SUBJECT
5.	Nov 23 1869	Gideon Welles from Hartford	Admiral Farragut	Personal retirement affairs Very critical of the "pitiful proceedings at washington". Goes into detailed criticism of the way Naval affairs are handled. Also criticizes the actions of his successors in the Naval Dept. at Washington.
6.	July 19 Year?	Mr. O'Connor North Shore	"Mr.&Mrs. Farragut	Invitation to meet Mrs. Eastman Johnson at a"plain country dinner".
7.	Sept. 4 Year?	Farragut?	His son?	Personal minor matters & reference to Brownlee's writings re: Mobile battle.
8.	No Date	H. R. H. Prince Alfred	D. G. Farragut	Rough draft of a letter thanking him for portrait of her majesty the queen and His Royal Highness the late Prince Consort.
9.	Feb. 21 1870	G. M. Robeson Secy of the Navy	Admiral D. G. Farragut	Asking verification of a letter Farragut presumably wrote Jan. 20, 1869 re: Rank of Paymaster in Navy.
10.	July 8 1870	Geo. S. Henry Preole?? Captain USN	Admiral Farragut	Asking him to correct before the Board of Admirals, his previously declared statement that the escape of the Oreto was due to "over caution" on the part of Capt. Preole?
11.	Sept. 5 1870	Gideon Welles 12 pages "private" written in "Unrestricted confidence."	Mrs. Admiral Farragut after the Admiral's death.	Lending his service to his country and belittling the "slights & wrongs" of a few men who should know better. Decrying the small representation of Navy men at the funeral -especially the absence of the man "who expects to take the late Admiral Farragut's place."whoever will write the Admiral's biography should do it "lovingly,fearlessly & faithfully".Reference is made to Louis Napoleon & his encouragement of "our" rebels & "break up our Union" "No sorrow for him, though I wish well to the French People" Closes with condolence & Sympathy.

LETTERS, HANDWRITTEN AND SIGNED ORIGINALS.

1868-1870

ITEM	DATE	FROM	TO	SUBJECT
12.	Oct. 15 1870 Tallahasse	Mrs. S. G. Shine	Com.AM Pennock at whose "Place of Res." Admrl Farragut died.	Asking about the family history of the Admiral's mother (Mrs Shine's Father-in-law was Gen. R. A. Shine-a Carolinian by birth) His father married into one of the most aristocratic families in North Carolina, and was very rich.

13. Last will and Testament.

14. Diagram and listing of groups in Funeral Procession.

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1877-1895

ITEM	DATE	FROM	TO	SUBJECT
1.	Feb. 20 1877	J.Crittenden watson Commander U. S. N.	Wm. T. Meredith	Farragut lashed to the rigging of his flagship "Hartford" during battle of Mobile Bay.
2.	Dec. 15 1878	John H. Knowles who was chief quartermaster on the Hartford in 1862-3-4		Similar to Item 1 above. Except he uses expression MAST instead of rigging. Also he lauds the Admiral for bravery etc.
3.	Statement made by John H. Knowles to Lieutenant R. W. Miller regarding subject in Item 1. Statement dated Nov. 30, 1878.			
4.	May 10, 1881	John H. Knowles	to "Friend and Ship-mate"	Telling about unveiling of Farragut's Statue in Washington.
5.	March 2 1880	John H. Knowles	Loyall Farragut	Complaining about inaccuracy of newspaper report of the Admiral's having been lashed to the rigging.
6.	May 30 1887	John H. Knowles	"Sir" Possibly L.Farragut	Criticising Freeman, the "Hartford" Pilot & asking that his name (Knowles) be put in newspaper with the true story of the lashing.
7.	May 10 1895	Probably L.Farragut	Mr. wright	Discussing the "story" concerning lashing of the Admir. to the rigging.
8.	July 8 1894	J. H. Knowles	"Sir"	Personal matters-concerning his retirement etc.
9.	March 25 1895	J. H. Knowles	Loyall Farragut	Personal- As in Item 8.
10.	March 20 1895	John H. Knowles	"Dear Friend"	Personal Matters-See Item 8.

LETTERS, (MRS. FARRAGUT) ORIGINALS, HANDWRITTEN AND SIGNED

1873-1885

ITEM	DATE	FROM	TO	SUBJECT
1.	June 3 1873	Mrs.D.G. Farragut	Pres. U.S.Grant	Appealing to him to forbid delay of payment of War Prize Money to men who fought at Mobile.
2.	May 24 1872	Norman(?) Maynord of House of Representatives	Mrs. Virginia L. Farragut	Her reimbursement for funeral expenses of Admiral Farragut.
3.	Jan. 26 1885	Weir Mitchell Philadelphia	Mrs. Farragut	Thanking her for his wishes. Mentions his "Brownell Collection for the next Generation to see and treasure."

PHOTOGRAPHS, PRINTS, ENGRAVINGS

ITEM	SUBJECT	DATE & PLACE	COMMENTS
1.	U.S.S.Hartford N.Y.Harbor Arrival.	Dec.18,1864	"Coming up the Bay"from a Sketch by F. H. Schell.
2.	Admiral Farragut	??	Engraving.Framed likeness from last photograph from life.Wilson & Co.Publishers-in oval frame.
3.	Admiral Farragut	1868	Engraving from latest photograph from life by Gumey & Son. Johnson & Fry Publishers.
4.	FARRAGUT(Admiral)	1880	Saint-Gaudens Statue-Photo 12x15" Sepia
5.	Vice FARRAGUT(Admiral)	??	Photo Oval matted-Framed in uniform 7x9"
6.	FARRAGUT(Admiral)		Photo at Capstan on U.S. Ship Franklin.
7.	FARRAGUT	Aug.5,1864	"The Decisive Moment"Farragut in Rigging "Del"by J.W.Ehninger-Signed by Artist 14x18"with a Poem quotation from the BAY FIGHT by H. H. Brownell.
8.	U.S.S.Hartford	1900	From Loyall Farragut's Collections
9.	Farragut & Family	1866	At The Flume White Mts.New Hampshire.
10.	Loyall Farragut	??	In Uniform (Army) 2x4"
11.	Farragut Rear-Admiral	??	With notations on reverse by his son 2x4"
12.	Farragut	??	Cartoon 2x4"
13.	Farragut Rear-Admiral	??	Signed on reverse by Farragut 2x4"
14.	Farragut Vice-Admiral	??	Signed on Front 2x4"
15.	Farragut Commander	??	2x4"
16.	Farragut Admiral	??	Erect View 4x6"

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ITEM	SUBJECT	DATE & PLACE	COMMENTS
17.	FOX Asst.Sec.Navy	Nov.7,1862	Signed & Dated on reverse 2x4"
18.	Andrew Johnson	??	"Sold by a Wounded Soldier"2x4"
19.	Howard-Maj.Gen.	??	Signed on Front 2x4"
20.	Officers of USS Hartford	??	P. Landdale-Signed
21.	" " " "	??	George Mundy-Signed
22.	" " " "	??	M. F. Kinleg
23.	" " " "	??	Williamson-Chief Engineer
24.	" " " "	??	Asst. Surgeon Canmons.
25.	" " " "	??	? Commander.
26.	14 Army Officers	??	All officers identified including Grant.
27.	Commodore Rpdgers	??	From a Painting.
28.	Album	Inscribed D.G.Farragut	100-Nice-1868-D.G.Farragut Admiral USN. Photos many signed by Royalty.
29.	Album	D.G.Farragut Aug.20,1867 (Moscow)	50 photos many signed by Royalty
30.	Farragut Admiral	??	4½x6¾. In Uniform.
31.	Rear Admiral Farragut	??	From an article on Naval Battles
32.	Vice Admiral Farragut	??	Engrave by A. H. Ritchie
33.	Flag Officer Farragut	??	With Biographical Sketch from Newspaper.
34.	Admiral Farragut	??	8x10 photo of & Bust of Farragut Michinuk.
35.	Rear Admiral Farragut	N. Y. City	Signed on Reverse.
36.	Admiral Farragut	Constantinople	Signed on Reverse.

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ITEM	SUBJECT	DATE & PLACE	COMMENTS
36.	Farragut at Mobile.	Aug.5,1864	From a painting by W.H.Overend. Book reproduction.
37.	Spardeck of USS Hartford	Nov.10,1864	From a photograph.
38.	Quartermasters of USS Hartford	Nov. 1864	From a photograph-Men who steered the USS Hartford at Mobile.
39.	Naval Action New Orleans.	Jan.1,1862	From Leslie's Cival War Drawings.
40.	Bombardment Port Hudson by Farragut's Fleet		From Leslie's Cival War Drawings
41.	Great Naval Battle on Mississippi Fort Jackson St. Philip.	Apr.18,1862	From Leslie's Civil War Drawings.
42.	Farragut's Naval Victory in Mobile Bay.	Aug.5,1864	From Leslie's The HARTFORD engages the Ram Tennessee.
43.	Great Naval Battle on Mississ. Passage of second Division.	Apr.24,1862	From Leslie's Civil War Drawings
44.	Admiral David D. Porter.		From Leslie's Portrait with Biographical Data.
45.	Panoramic View Fed.Fleet Passing Forts of Miss.	Apr.19,1862	From Leslie's Civil War Drawings
46.	Admiral David G. Farragut		From Leslie's Portrait & Biographical Data.
47.	Admiral David G. Farragut		Portrait drawn by Leslie (Reproduction)

DOCUMENTS-RESOLUTIONS-SCROLLS-MISCELLANY

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	DATE	SUMMARY OF CONTENTS
1.	Printed & Engraved Poem.	Oct.5, 1864	FARRAGUTS BALL Composed by William Densmore, US Ship Richmond. Description of Battle of Mobile Bay.
2.	Commission	July 25, 1866	Admiral's Commission signed by Gideon Wells & Andrew Johnson(Original)Framed.
3.	Resolution	July 11 1862	Thanks to D.G.Farragut from U.S.Senate & House of Representatives for achievements on Lower Mississippi. Capture Forts Jackson & St Philip & City of New Orleans. Copy 31 Jul.1862, On Parchment.
4.	Resolution	Feb.10 1866	By Senate & House of Representatives to Vice Admiral David G. Farragut in honor of Battle of Mobile Bay. Copy Dept.of State, Feb. 16, 1866 on heavy paper.
5.	Marriage, Birth, Death Records, Farragut Bible.		Bible cover with D.G.Farragut U.S.Navy with Pages of Family Records.
6.	Resolution of Common Council.	Aug.17, 1863	To Rear Admiral David Glasgow Farragut. Freedom & Hospitality of City of N. Y. being offered.Handdone on parchment-Velvet Roller.Condition Very Good.
7.	Resolution of Common Council.	Dec.1864	To Vice Admiral D. G. Farragut & to Captain Percival Drayton, Dec.30,1864 Congratulations of City.
8.	Testimonial of Public Gratitude.	Dec.31 1864	To Vice Admiral D. G. Farragut in honor of his Navy Exploits. Signed by 100 leading members of City. Parchment on blue silk.
9.	Resolution of Commandery of the State of N.Y. In Memoriam Admiral Farragut.	Dec. 1870	Beautifully hand done scroll in honor of death of FARRAGUT. Excellent Condition. With letter to Mrs. Farragut.

ITEM	ARTICLE	DESCRIPTION	IDENTIFYING MARKS, DATE, INSCRIPTION	CONDITION
1.	Glass Negalive	Adm. Farragut on Franklin	[illegible]	Cracked
2.	Eqaulets Insignia	2 star with anchor also extra stars loose	5 individual insignia	Fair to good
3.	Studs-Jewelry	Various steering wheel		Good
4.	Coin silver Spoons	Various Makers "Peters"	DGF initials	Good
5.	Cake Server ?	Rogers	D G F	Good
6.	Color print Framed	Essex		Good
7.	Flag	Blue Eagle & Stars	Eagle design on bothsides	Fair
8.	Sword on cutlass	In a sheath		Good
9.	Telescope	Came with Farragut material		Excellent
10.	Mounted Telescope	Came with Farragut	material	Excellent
11.	Clock-Navy	Seth Thomas rings 30'		Good
12.	Adm. Flag	Large Blue with with four stars	Farragut's name (white) on margin	Excellent
13.	Numerous signal flags	Wool-some with small holes		Good
14.	Cash box w/key	D.G. Farragut inscription		Good
15.	Wine Glass	With F cut in glass		Repaired at stem
16.	Silver butter dish	D.G.F. engraved	Tiffany	Excellent
17.	Silver punch ladle	With horseshoe design		Excellent
18.	Nut picks(4)	With initials Mrs. Farragut		Good
19.	Salt	Sterling with initials Mrs. F		Good
20.	Teaspoon	Coin Silver Initial F		Good

LIST OF NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

In connection with the Story of Farragut's being "lashed" to the mast or riggins and Obituary Notices of John H. Knowles

1. Clipping from unknown newspaper dated about July 20,1877 containing poem by Brownell re Farragut & Battle of Mobile Bay

2. Clipping from unknown newspaper Title: Was Farragut Lashed Aloff?

3. Clipping from unknown newspaper Title: The Mobile Naval Battle dated Kingston N.Y. May 18

4. Same as item 3 plus a clipping stating that the Czar of Russia bought the Painting by Artist Paige of the battle for $40,000

5. Clipping from an unknown newspaper containing letters from Knowles, Loyall Farragut, L.A. Kimberly , Loyall Farragut & Robert Cosler- Title: Farragut in the Riggins.

6. Clipping from the newspaper The Republican reporting interview with Knowles.

7. Clipping from the same newspaper no date Title: The Same Old Yorn discussing Farragut's position on the Hartford,

8. 3-newspaper clippings reporting death of John H. Knowles.

9. Daguerrotype photo of the John H. Knowles.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

SOURCE	PUBLICATION	DATE	SUBJECT
New Orleans	Unknown	Mar 19?	To buy Farragut Point
Washington D C	Not known	Aug. 9	Death of Re-Adm. Jenkins
Not known	" "	Not known	Farragut and His Son
	Southern Churchmen	No date	Major George Farragut
Not known	Not known	Not known	Admiral Farragut at home
Lt. Arthur Sinclair	Hearst's Magazine		How The Merrimac Fought Monitor
Not known	Not known	Not known	Picture of the Old 74 Gun Frigate Delaware
Wm. T. Meredith	Not known	Not known	Poem Titled: Farragut
Unknown	The Brooklyn ??	Nov.10,1895	Admiral Farragut
Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Admiral Farragut's Birthplace
	N.Y. Sun	Oct.18,1935	Picture of Farragut's House
Illustrated	Sunday Magazine	No date	Admiral Farragut Birthplace
Loyall Farragut	N.Y. Herald	Aug.3,1913	General Order No. 10
Dr. Geo. F. Mellon	---le Sentinel	May 12,??	The Farragut Lands (3 copies)
Frank Leshes	Illustrated News-paper	Aug.27,1864	Farragut operations & Their Military importance

Clipping in Connection with the U S S Franklin

Autographs of D.G. Farragut&Alluss

March 31, 1961

Mr. Neil D. Josephson
83 Forest Street
New Britain, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Josephson:

Many thanks for your letter of March 19th and the enclosures. I am pleased to have a photostat of the Farragut orders to attend Lincoln's funeral. I was also glad to note your list of 1960 acquisitions.

We have the print Lincoln and His Commanders which was issued by the Traveler's Insurance Company in 1888.

I trust that you received the Farragut photographs which we made up for you.

Yours sincerely,

R. Gerald McMurtry

RGM:hw

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Navy Department,
Washington, 16 April 1865.

Sir,

Proceed to Washington City, without delay, for duty in connection with the Funeral Ceremonies of the late President of the United States.

Upon the completion of this duty, you will return to your residence.

Very respectfully,
G. Welles
Secretary of the Navy

Rear Admiral
D. G. Farragut,
U.S. Navy
Hastings on the Hudson,
N.Y.

April 20th 65 Paid mileage & expenses to Washington
Navy Dept
J. M. Hackett
C.E.K.

Admirals orders to proceed to Washington to be present at the funeral Ceremonies of President Lincoln

Navy Dept.
18th Apr. 1865

Respectfully yours
G. Welles
Secy. Navy.

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The Boston Globe

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Five Farragut commissions bring $10,000 at auction

By Mike Stanton
Associated Press

SOUTH DEERFIELD — A Boston dealer in rare books and manuscripts paid $10,000 last night at an auction for five Naval commissions of Civil War hero David Farragut.

Maury Bromsen, president of Maury Bromsen Associates, bought the documents on the fifth bid. The bidding, which drew interest from some national museums, opened at $5000.

The auction came on the 118th anniversary of the day President Abraham Lincoln signed a commission making Farragut the first admiral in US history, Jan. 9, 1863.

It was during the battle for Mobile Bay in Alabama, Aug. 5, 1864, that Farragut, a native Tennessean who chose to fight for the North in the Civil War, uttered the words that have been recorded in history books as "Damn the torpedos! Full speed ahead!"

Historians say Farragut actually shouted to sailors on the ship Brooklyn to "Damn the torpedos! Go ahead!" when they hesitated in the face of mines blocking access to the harbor.

Auctioneer Douglas Bilodeau, owner of Douglas Galleries, said the US Naval Academy, the Smithsonian Institution and the National Archives had expressed interest in bidding for the documents.

"There are a lot of people interested from across the country," Bilodeau said yesterday. Ninety people viewed the auction.

Before the bidding began, Bilodeau said he expected the documents to draw "in the neighborhood of $5000 to $10,000 for all five commissions. But there's no way to really know. An Abraham Lincoln signature alone goes for $600 to $800, but then you have to add in the fact that two other presidents signed the other three commissions and the historical significance of the documents."

Bilodeau said the commissions, dating from 1841 to 1864, were put up for auction by a Farragut descendant. "She kept the documents in a tin box. They've probably been in that box for 100 years, so they're in beautiful condition," Bilodeau said.

The first commission, which made Farragut a naval commander on Sept. 9, 1841, was signed by President John Tyler. The next two commissions, both as captains in 1856, were signed by President Franklin Pierce.

Bilodeau estimated the value of the Tyler and Pierce signatures at between $200 and $300 apiece.

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Union Photo by Michael Gordon

Maury A. Bromsen, left, a Boston dealer, displays commission papers signed by Abraham Lincoln, promoting Civil War hero David G. Farragut to Rear Admiral.

Damn the torpedoes, Farragut's papers sold

By G. A. SURRETTE
Union Staff

DEERFIELD — A Boston rare book dealer who said he found out about the auction just two days ago paid more than $10,000 Friday night for five of Admiral David G. Farragut's commissioning papers.

Two of the papers — Farragut's promotions to rear and vice admiral — are signed by Abraham Lincoln.

Maury A. Bromsen, president of Maury A. Bromsen Associates of Boston, bid $10,000 for the five commissions in the opening seconds of the three-minute bidding round at Douglas Galleries in South Deerfield. With a 10 percent commission for the auction house, Bromsen paid $11,000 in all.

"I've been specializing in Lincolnia for 25 years," Bromsen told The Morning Union during a break in the auction. He said he planned to keep them for his personal collection.

Bromsen said he had told Seymour S. Weiner, a University of Massachusetts professor who accompanied him to the auction, he expected the papers to sell for approximately $10,000.

His attendance at the auction, he said, was "purely accidental. I heard about this two days ago." He said he saw a newspaper advertisement in a friend's store and decided to travel to Deerfield to bid on the papers.

He said the papers are valuable because they trace Farragut's naval career and not because some of them were signed by Lincoln.

"I was prepared to go to $25,000 because of the importance of Farragut," he said. Farragut was the first officer to hold the rank of rear admiral in the U.S. Navy. Farragut won fame during the Civil War battles of New Orleans and Mobile Bay.

It was during the campaign to take Mobile from Confederate rebel forces that Farragut, commanding the flotilla's flagship, the USS Hartford, shouted the phase for which he was to become famous — "Damn the torpedoes; full speed ahead."

During the Civil War era, torpedoes referred to floating mines, rather than the self-propelled weapons developed later in the 19th Century.

Bromsen bought Farragut's commissions to:

- Commander, Sept. 8, 1841; signed by President John Tyler and Secretary of the Navy J.D. Simms.
- Captain, Sept. 14, 1855; signed by President Franklin Pierce and Secretary of the Navy J. C. Dobbin.(two papers).
- Rear admiral, June 16, 1862; signed by President Lincoln and Secretary of the Navy Gideon Welles.
- Vice admiral, Dec. 21, 1864; signed by Lincoln and Welles.

Farragut retired in 1868 as a four-star, full admiral.

"These are too good to sell," Bromsen said about keeping the papers in his own collection.

The Farragut papers were discovered in Ashfield approximately three years ago, gallery owner Douglas Bilodeau told the crowd of approximately 400 persons in the auction hall.

"They have been in the same family for as long as people can remember," he said, noting they were stored in a tin can.

A block of papers signed by Farragut during the Mobile Bay campaign also was auctioned for $600.

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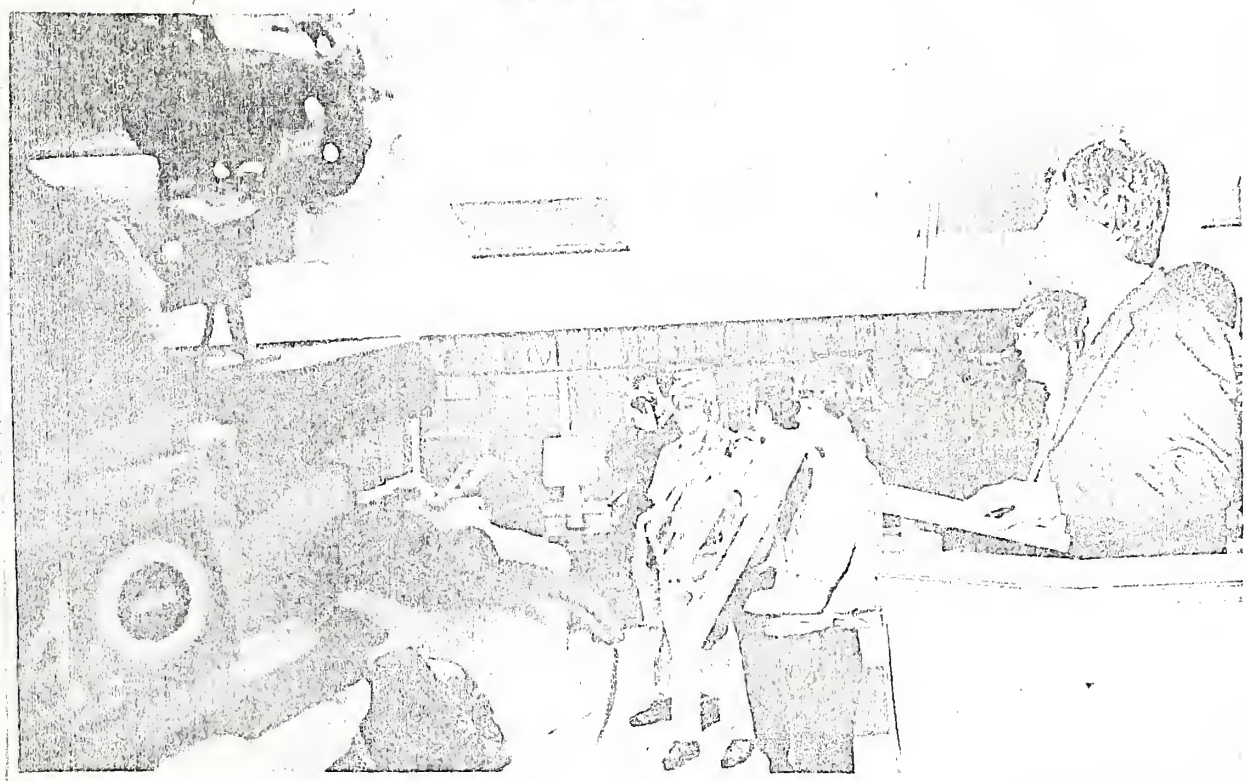

Recorder Photos by Jim Mahoney

BEFORE the glare of television lights, auctioneer Douglas Bilodeau sells papers to Maury A. Bromsen, below.

Documents fetch $10,000

By CHRIS WOODCOCK
Recorder Staff

SOUTH DEERFIELD — David G. Farragut would have fought the battle with more of a flair for the dramatic, but he still would have admired the business acumen and calm under fire displayed by Maury A. Bromsen.

"Damn the torpedoes! Full speed ahead," is what some say Farragut shouted during the Union navy's Civil War capture of Mobile Bay, Ala., in August 1864.

Bromsen, president of Maury A. Bromsen Associates Inc., a Boston firm dealing in rare books and manuscripts, followed those orders to precision Friday evening as he squared off with two other men in a brief but high-powered bidding war before a capacity auction audience at Douglas Galleries on State Road.

The bidding began at [illegible]000, and just a mere minute later, Bromsen was the proud owner of five original presidential documents — two signed by President Abraham Lincoln — which highlight the military career of Farragut, described by historians as a fearless Civil War hero.

Bromsen, an appraiser of rare books and manuscripts listed in "Who's Who in America," knew the value of the naval documents which trace Farragut's military progression from naval commander to vice admiral. And so he did what any conscientious appraiser would do; he elected to add the treasures to his personal collection.

"These are too good to sell," said Bromsen, who described himself as an Abraham Lincoln specialist

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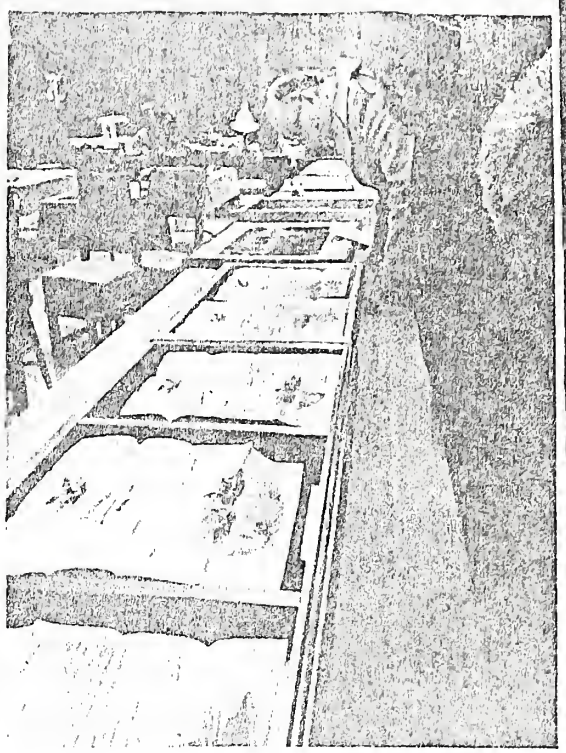

Recorder Photo by Jim Mahoney

BUYER Maury A. BROMSEN, background, examines Farragut documents.

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Bromsen, who heard about the auction by accident only three days ago during a visit to a Boston fine arts dealer, showed little emotion as he sat through the auction in his first row seat in front of auctioneer Douglas Bilodeau. He passively raised his hand as he bid on the naval commissions and several other items he purchased later.

Until the Farragut documents were sold at the outset of the auction, Bromsen had been an inconspicuous observer. But after his purchase, the short, round man became an instant celebrity, hounded at his seat by television camera crews and reporters.

Bromsen said later that he thought the long-lost documents, which date back to 1841 and were brought to Bilodeau this past month by an unidentified Ashfield women, would go for $10,000. As it turned out, Bromsen was right, but he was armed with financial ammunition to go as high as $25,000.

According to Bromsen, it is Farragut's place in American history and not Lincoln's signature that gives the documents their significance. "Lincoln's signature is not that rare," Bromsen said. "But it is most unusual to get the evolution of (Farragut's) appointments traced through history."

A Boston man who declined to be identified had opened the bidding on the surprisingly fresh-looking papers at $5,000, although he knew he probably would not walk away with the documents. Like Bromsen, it was Farragut's influence that attracted him to the auction.

The unidentified Boston man was able to get his hands on the unadvertised special of the night — several communications between Farragut and other ships in the Mobile Bay fleet which were brought to the gallery just before the auction began. Those communications went for $600. Bromsen stayed in the bidding until the $200 mark. He lost that skirmish but won the battle.

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t of History with $10,000 Bid

500 Pack S. Deerfield Auction Hall

By LAURIE BOBSKILL

SOUTH DEERFIELD — Admiral David G. Farragut's 12-year-old great-great-great-great grandnephew watched in silent astonishment as a packet of his Civil War ancestor's documents were gaveled off here Friday night for $10,000.

Farragut was 9, three years younger than his descendant Todd Kirkpatrick of Ashfield, when he entered the Navy as a midshipman.

The documents sold Friday at auction at Douglas Galleries were five commission papers dated 1855 to 1866, and signed by Presidents Abraham Lincoln, John Tyler and Franklin Pierce.

About 500 bidders and spectators packed the auction hall, standing in the aisles and at the back of the room. The crowd began gathering at noon, but the bidding which opened at 6:30 p.m., lasted less than three minutes.

Maury A. Bromsen of Boston, who sat in the front row, purchased the papers for $10,000 and said the [illegible] partially traced the career of the "Hero of Mobile Bay."

Douglas Bilodeau, auctioneer and appraiser, had set a pre-sale estimate of $4,000 to $6,000 on the papers, but Bromsen, a manuscript appraiser for Harvard University and the Library of Congress, said he had predicted a "bottom line of $10,000."

Bromsen said he had been prepared to pay as much as $25,000.

"I'm an historian, a poet of the past. We're very sentimental men," said Bromsen.

Asked if he was independently wealthy, the private collector said, "I manage to stay out of jail."

The documents, which had sat in a slender tin on a bookshelf for several decades were discovered about three years ago by Virginia Rich of Ashfield, Farragut's great-great grandniece. Mrs. Rich lives in the family home, "The Farragut House," built by the admiral's nephew about a century ago.

When the Ashfield Historical Society sponsored an "appraisal day" three years ago, she brought the tin can to determine if they were worth anything. Since then she has been torn between wanting to keep them in the family and "letting them go where the public could see them," her daughter, Dana Kirkpatrick, explained.

At the auction, an anonymous party arrived and made a suprise announcement that another collection of Farragut papers would be offered for auction.

Bromsen said he has an extensive collection of Farragut documents and was only mildly interested in the second collection.

Bidding on the unlisted batch of papers began at $100 and Bromsen dropped out at $150. The closing sale price was $600.

"They were routine bureaucratic things of little value," Bromsen said. "I have a pile of similar unimportant documents myself.

"I thought they were worthless, but I think I will bring them here and put them up for bid myself," he said.

Bromsen, president of Maury A. Bromsen Associates, a firm dealing in rare books and manuscripts, said he has no intention of selling the Farragut commission papers.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick said she was "curious" about the man who had paid $10,000 for the family documents.

Her mother had been, too late, if her lead reinsate was too nervous to attend the sale and took her granddaughter shopping instead.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick said she had been told that representatives of the Smithsonian Institute and other prestigious institutions had sent representatives to the sale. "Before the auction started, I was looking at the crowd trying to decide who would buy the papers. I guess you can't tell by looking."

The auction came on the 116th anniversary of the day Lincoln signed a commission making Farragut the first admiral in U.S. naval history, on Jan. 9, 1863.

The president later promoted him again after the war hero captured Mobile, Alabama, on Aug. 5, 1864.

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Actually, historians say, Farragut shouted to sailors on the ship Brooklyn to "Damn the torpedos! Go ahead!" when they hesitated in the face of mines blocking access to the enemy harbor.

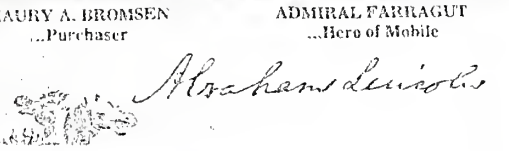
The first commission, which made Farragut a naval commander on Sept. 9, 1811, was signed by President John Tyler. The next two documents, nominating and appointing Farragut a captain in 1866, were signed by President Franklin Pierce. The final two commissions were signed by Lincoln.

Bilodeau estimated the value of a Lincoln signature alone as between $600 and $800. The Tyler and Pierce signatures are worth between $200 and $300 apiece, he said.

Other documents auctioned included the consul appointment of Dwight Morris of Connecticut in 1866, signed by President Andrew Johnson, two muster rolls of Revolutionary War units, an 1889 letter from William Tecumseh Sherman and two photographs of the general.

MAURY A. BROMSEN
...Purchaser

ADMIRAL FARRAGUT
...Hero of Mobile



The signature of Abraham Lincoln on papers commissioning David G. Farragut a rear admiral, the first man to achieve flag rank in U.S. Navy history. (Michael Gordon photo)

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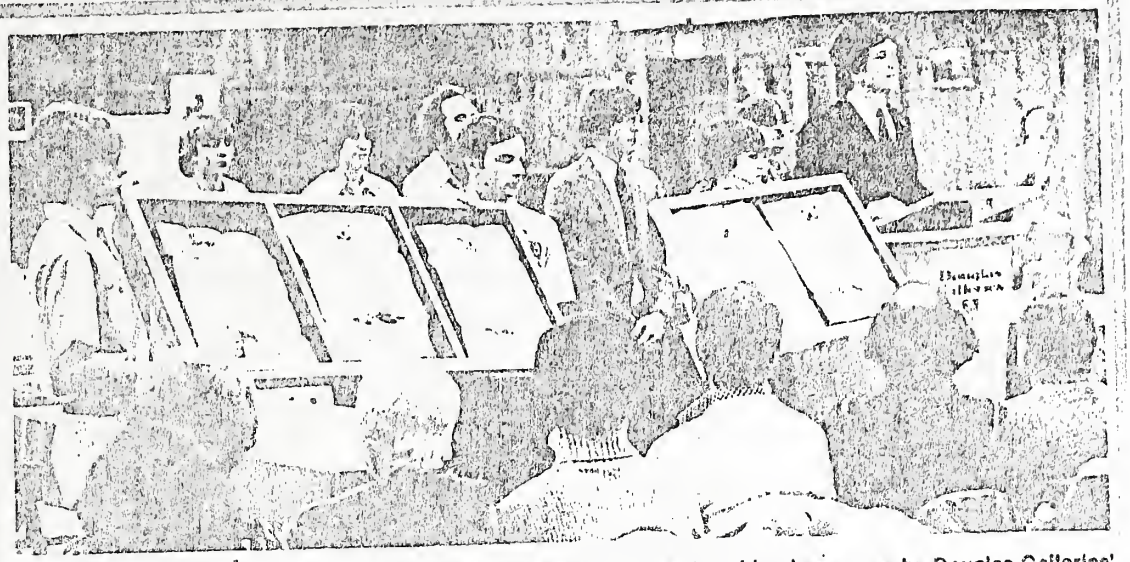

THE FIVE HISTORIC Farragut naval commission papers were displayed in glass cases by Douglas Galleries' employees as auctioneer, David Bilodeau, right, got the bidding underway last night in South Deerfield. (Photos by Stephen Mease)

$10,000 is top bid for Farragut papers

By STEPHEN MEASE

SOUTH DEERFIELD -- With only a flick of his finger to signal a bid of $10,000, a Boston rare books and manuscripts dealer became the new owner of a set of long-lost historic documents, signed by three presidents, that chronicle the Civil War naval career of the fearless David G. Farragut.

Maury A. Bromsen, president of Bromsen Associates of Boston, made the top bid last night in the crowded hall of the Douglas Galleries here. His was the fifth bid in the series that opened at $5,000.

Interest in seeing the historic papers, along with a full catalog of political memorabilia, antique furniture and collectibles up for sale brought almost 400 persons to the auction hall.

Bromsen, seated in the first row next to longtime friend and University of Massachusetts' French professor Seymour Weiner of Amherst, watched with interest as auctioneer Douglas Bilodeau, owner of Douglas Galleries, explained the history of the well-preserved documents.

"The five commissions, signed by Presidents Abraham Lincoln, Franklin Pierce and John Tyler were discovered two years ago during an open appraisal of the Ashfield Historical Society's collection," Bilodeau said.

The mystery owner of the Farragut papers has remained anonymous thoughout the affair, but is said to be an Ashfield woman and a descendent of Farragut. The papers were kept by her family in a tin box for over 100 years, contributing to their excellent condition, Bilodeau said.

Bromsen said after the auction he first learned about the sale by accident when he visited a fellow collector in Boston two days ago.

"I'm particularly interested in documents signed by Abraham Lincoln, plus when coupled with the historical significance of tracing Admiral Farragut's naval commissions, it was too good to pass up," he said. Bromsen added that he came to the auction prepared to bid as high as $25,000 to add the document to his private collection.

And what happens to the valuable papers now? "They will be stored in acid-free folders in my vault for now," Bromsen said as he gingerly folded the century-old paper and placed it inside a manila envelope.

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IT DOESN'T take much effort to make a bid of $10,000 as Boston collector Maury A. Bromsen demonstrated last night in South Deerfield when he purchased the historic commisioning papers of Civil War Admiral David Farragut.